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For : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LOW-MOLECULAR OLEFINS,
REACTOR FOR PYROLYSIS OF HYDROCARBONES AND
APPARATUS FOR QUENCHING CRACKED GAS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please
enter the following amendments:

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In the claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows, by adding the underlined material
and deleting the bracketed material:

1. (Amended) A process for producing low-molecular
olefins by pyrolysis of hydrocarbons, which comprises preheating
and evaporating a starting feedstock, mixing the same with a steam-
diluent, and heating [a] the resulting mixture to the pyrolysis
temperature in a blading rotary reactor [by heat generated inside
a volume of the mixture due to hydrodynamic drag of the rotor
blades rotating therein, quenching a cracked gas and subsequent
separation of it], wherein the said heating the resulting mixture